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# Application of Eritrea for admission to membership in the United Nations

## Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with rule 135 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to circulate herewith the application of Eritrea for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter from the Secretary-General of the Provisional Government of Eritrea received by the Secretary-General on 12 May 1993.

ANNEX

Letter from the Secretary-General of the Provisional Government of Eritrea received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 12 May 1993

As you are aware, the Eritrean referendum on independence held from 23 to 25 April 1993 resulted in a resounding "yes" to independence by 99.8 per cent of the voters in a turnout of 98.5 per cent. You also know that this referendum was observed by the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and a host of other international as well as national bodies, all of which have witnessed to its freeness and fairness. On the basis of this outcome in favour of independence, announced by the head of the independent Referendum Commission on 27 April 1993, the Provisional Government of Eritrea declared Eritrea to be an independent and sovereign State on the same day. Several countries have already recognized the independent Eritrean State.

We believe that the peaceful and democratic resolution of the Eritrean case through the referendum will not only consolidate peace and stability, but also greatly contribute to cooperation and progress in our subregion and thus our continent. In the two years of its free existence, Eritrea has indeed demonstrated its commitment to peace, stability and cooperation by engaging actively in contributing to the peaceful resolution of conflicts in the Horn of Africa.

Eritrea accepts the obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and is prepared to carry out these obligations, and, on the basis of the articles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning admission, which I believe Eritrea fulfils, I should like, on behalf of the State of Eritrea, to apply for the country's full and immediate membership to the United Nations, the world community of States.

(Signed) Issaias AFEWERKI
Secretary-General
Provisional Government of Eritrea

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Letter dated 18 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter addressed to you on 17 May 1993 by His Excellency Mr. Osman Ertuğ, representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 45, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Inal BATU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 17 May 1993 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to a recent letter circulated by the Greek Cypriot representative (A/47/944-S/25740), which was in response to a previous letter I had addressed to you on 4 May 1993 (A/47/939-S/25725, annex).

This letter, both with its aggressive tone and hostile content, has taken the anti-Turkish propaganda of the Greek Cypriot side to new lows. While this unfortunate letter does not merit a detailed reply, I would like to put on record our utter indignation at the attitude displayed by the Greek Cypriot representative through this letter and to point out its wider implications for the process of negotiations on the eve of New York talks.

Attempting to deny the Turkish Cypriot side the most natural right to respond to allegations which are of direct concern for us can only be the product of a mentality which cannot tolerate even the existence of the Turkish Cypriots. The Greek Cypriot representative cannot hide his side's underlying resentment towards their Turkish Cypriot counterparts by claiming that in his statement in the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations "... no references whatsoever were made to the Turkish Cypriot community". Ignoring or trying to bypass the Turkish Cypriots as their direct counterpart in the Cyprus dispute does not absolve the Greek Cypriots of wrongdoing; on the contrary, it adds insult to injury by revealing how little respect they have for the Turkish Cypriots and how unprepared they are to establish a federation with us.

At a time when an atmosphere conducive to meaningful negotiations is needed most, this new manifestation of ill will on the part of the Greek Cypriot side leaves us to wonder whether the Greek Cypriot side will ever have the desire to settle the issue with us on the basis of a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation, or whether they are merely wasting the time of the international community.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 45, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

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# Request by the Principality of Monaco for admission to the United Nations

## Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with rule 135 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to circulate herewith a copy of the request by the Principality of Monaco for admission to the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 14 May 1993 from the Minister of State of the Principality of Monaco addressed to the Secretary-General.

ANNEX

Letter dated 14 May 1993 from the Minister of State of the Principality of Monaco addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to my letter of 5 April 1993 and in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as with rule 58 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council and rule 134 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour, on behalf of the Principality of Monaco and in my capacity as Minister of State, to confirm the request of the Principality of Monaco to be admitted to the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would kindly inform the Security Council and the General Assembly of this request at their next meetings.

As mentioned in the official declaration attached hereto, the Principality of Monaco is prepared to accept and carry out the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations.

(Signed) Jacques DUPONT

Declaration

With reference to the request by the Principality of Monaco for admission to the United Nations, I have the honour to declare, on behalf of the Principality of Monaco and in my capacity as Minister of State of the Principality, that the Principality of Monaco accepts the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly pledges to carry them out.

(Signed) Jacques DUPONT
Minister of State of the
Principality of Monaco

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